

Appendix E.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF034/T2

To supply and install new playground apparatus to the Carreg yr Afon play area, Hodgson's Road in Godre'rgraig.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services', working in close partnership with the Ystalyfera Community Council.

The funding will be used to procure and install new dynamic and challenging play equipment to add to the existing provision. New apparatus will include a Rope Walk with Stepping Logs and a 12 metre zip wire. All new equipment to be protected by Impact Absorbing Safety Surfacing ('Safa Grass' tiles) to meet modern day BS EN1177 compliances. The Community Council is to lease land beyond the curtilage of the existing Hodgson's Road play area, from the Trustees of Carreg yr Afon, as a means of accommodating the new equipment. The Hodgson's Road play area is at maximum play capacity or load following investment from the last tranche of the Members Fund and this Application builds upon that earlier success.

The need for this initiative has come to the attention of the local Ward Member. Representation has been made by residents, parents and grandparents. Incrementally the Community Council has added new equipment to the Park and this Application for the Rope Walk and the zip wire continues in that vein.

The Carreg yr Afon play area is very important to local residents as it is a receiving centre for the densely populated Graig Newydd Estate. The play provision at Carreg yr Afon is good reflecting positively upon earlier investment made by the Community Council. This initiative is to further augment and expand play provision.

The scheme has no further financial implications for NPTCBC as the maintenance, inspection, upkeep and insurance of the new equipment will remain with Ystalyfera Community Council. The Community Council has a good track record in managing its many leisure based facilities. There will be less maintenance in the short term with new play equipment benefiting from 5 and 10 year warranties on structural failure.

Recommendations

The project is valued at £9,979, which is the full cost of procuring and installing all of the equipment. The Applicant, Councillor Rosalyn Davies, would wish to fund this project using the whole of her Members Fund allocation for the Ward of Godre'raig.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.